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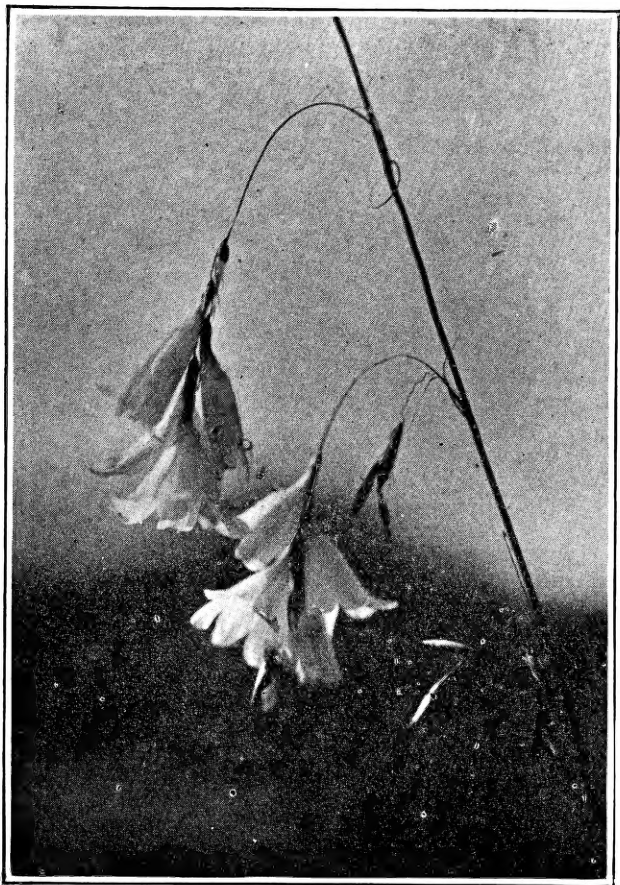
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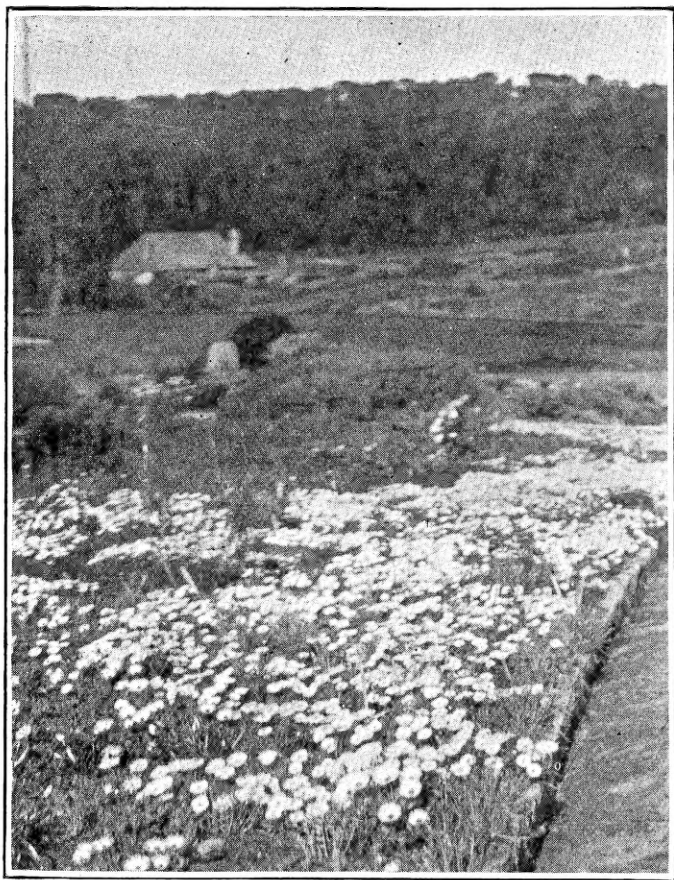
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- Moraea polystacha.**—Lilac. Pkt. 1/-; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 6/-.
- Ornithogalum thyrsoides.**—The beautiful “Cape Chinkeriechee”; early-flowering. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $2\frac{2}{3}$; oz. $7\frac{1}{6}$.
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- Sparaxis grandiflora.**—Cream. A delightful shade and gives a very nice spray; useful cut-flower. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $1\frac{1}{6}$; oz. $5\frac{1}{6}$.
- Sparaxis grandiflora.**—White. Resembles Freesia but taller stems. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 9d; oz. 2/-.
- Sparaxis tricolor.**—Mixed. Beautiful Freesia-like flowers in bright colours; yellow, red and green. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $3\frac{1}{6}$.
- Sparaxis tubiflora.**—Light yellow. Pkt. 6d.
- Sparaxis hybrida.**—Mixed Hybrids. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $3\frac{1}{6}$; oz. $10\frac{1}{6}$.
- Sparaxis, Mixed.**—Charming bulbous plants with bright and showy flowers of the Freesia type. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $3\frac{1}{6}$; oz. $10\frac{1}{6}$.
- Streptanthera cuprea.**—A beautiful Freesia-like flower of splendid form and lovely soft shade of tangerine. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 4/-; oz. 15/-.
- Streptanthera-Sparaxis Hybrids.**—Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 4/-; oz. 15/-.
- Watsonia Beatricis.**—Long spikes with numerous orange flowers, opening mostly at one time; evergreen foliage; must be watered in the dry season as it is a summer grower. Pkt. 1/-.
- Watsonia longifolia, Mixed.**—Evergreen foliage, must be watered in the dry season. Pkt. 1/-; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 6/-.
- Watsonia Wilmaniae.**—A grand species with distinct and varied colours. Pkt. 1/-; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 6/-; oz. 21/-.
- Watsonia Wordsworthiae.**—Lilac flowers; resembles “W. Ardernei” in type. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $1\frac{1}{9}$; oz. 6/-.
- Watsonia** sp.—“Van Staaveren.” Cerise, large-flowered; grand. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $4\frac{1}{6}$; oz. $16\frac{1}{6}$.

SUCCULENTS AND SIMILAR RARE PLANTS.

Acrodon bellidiflora.—A dwarf clumpy plant, flowering freely in Spring; flowers yellow with pink reverse. Per 3 capsules 1/-.

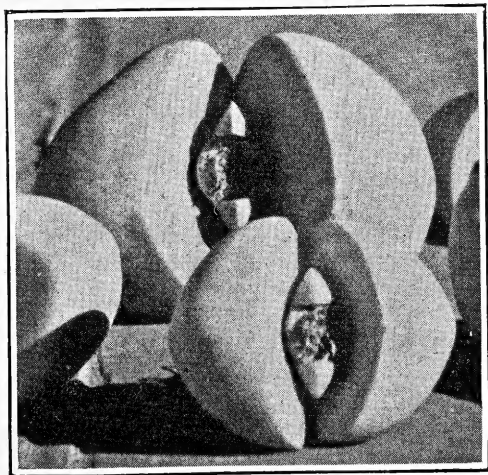
Aloe rubro-lutea.—A very effective Aloe with stems up to 5 feet. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 3/-.

Aloe saponaria.—A very attractive species with tall branching spikes of bright red flowers. Seeds per doz. 1/-; 100 7/6.

Aloe vera.—A dwarf Aloe with pale green leaves and conspicuous red flower; height, when in flower, 2 feet. Per doz. seeds 9d.

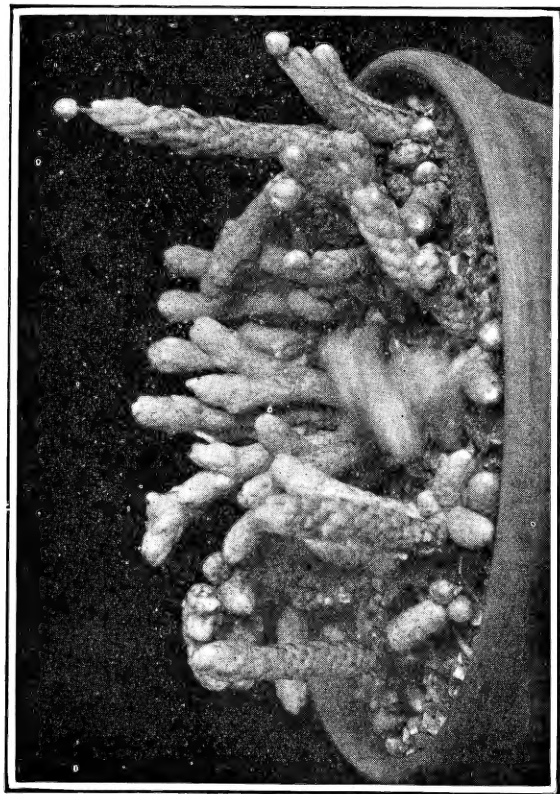
Anacampseros papyracea.—A rare plant of most peculiar formation, the growths being entirely covered with white papery scales; when growing amongst white stones the plants can hardly be detected. Per doz. seeds 1/-; 100 7/6.

Anacampseros telephiastrum.—A graceful little plant with mauvy pink flowers. Per doz. seeds 1/-.



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- Apicra foliosa.**—Curious hard-leaved plant with tall flowering stem; allied to the Aloes, closely resembling the Haworthias. Per doz. seeds 1/-; 100 5/-.
- Argyroderma testiculare.**—Dwarf stemless Mesembrianthemum; very rare. Per capsule 2/6.
- Bergeranthus vespertinus.**—Triangular leaves; very dwarf growth; flowers yellow with orange reverse. Per capsule 1/-.
- Cheirodopsis tubercularia.**—Like "C. cigarettifera"; the growths are covered with minute tubercles. Per 2 capsules 1/-.
- Echinus apiculata.**—A handsome free-flowering dwarf compact Mesembrianthemum; leaves peculiarly shaped. Per 2 capsules 1/6.
- Euphorbia candelabra.**—A very interesting species with obese warted stem bearing a rosette of dark green leaves from the centre of which arise numerous flowers on thin graceful stems. Per capsule 1/-.
- Gasteria linguiforme.**—Variegated leaves and tall spikes of pink flowers tipped with green. Per doz. seeds 6d.
- Gibbaeum gibbosum.**—Stemless Mesembrianthemum; pale green growths in sub-equal pairs; flowers rosy pink. Per 2 capsules 1/-.
- Gibbaeum pachypodium.**—The foliage of this species is somewhat different from most Gibbaeums, resembling more the Glottiphyllums; flowers of a delicate pink shade. Per capsule 1/6.
- Gibbaeum pubescens.**—One of the best of the genus; growths peculiarly shaped, white in colour. Per 2 capsules 1/-.
- Gibbaeum sp.**—A robust species resembling "G. pubescens"; growths pale green in colour. Per 2 capsules 1/-.
- Glottiphyllum depressum.**—A handsome, easily grown species; growths short and broad; large golden yellow flowers, freely produced. Per capsule 1/6.
- Glottiphyllum longum.**—Like "G. depressum" but the leaves often grow to a length of 12 inches. Per capsule 1/-.
- Glottiphyllum sp.**—All species of this genus make excellent specimens, whether in pots or in a rockery. Per 3 capsules 1/-.

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- Haworthia viscosa.**—This species much resembles the *Apicras* in the formation of the growths; makes large clumps. Seeds per doz. 1/-; 100 7/6.
- Hereroa granulata.**—A dwarf *Mesembrianthemum* bearing bright orange flowers. Per 2 capsules 1/-.
- Hereroa Stanleyi.**—This species produces an abundance of yellow flowers. Per 3 capsules 1/-.
- Lithops kinbisensis.**—The various species of *Lithops* are highly interesting plants from the desert regions of South West Africa. Their short stumpy growths are level with the surface of the soil, and transparent to allow the sunlight to reach their inner surfaces. Per capsule 1/-.
- Punctillaria magnipunctata.**—A handsome stemless *Mesembrianthemum*; large bright flowers; one of the best of this type. Per capsule 1/6.
- Punctillaria nobile.**—In appearance this species much resembles "*P. magnipunctata*" except that the growths are longer and narrower and the flowers somewhat larger and richer in colour. Per capsule 1/-.
- Rimaria Heathii.**—A beautiful stemless *Mesem.* of shapely form; growths a glossy pale green; makes a fine specimen. Per 2 capsules 1/-.
- Stapelia hirsutus.**—A tall species with purplish black flowers covered with hairy protusions. Per doz. seeds 1/6.
- Stapelia variegata.**—The foliage of this species is particularly handsome, very suitable for miniature rockeries. Per doz. seeds 1/-.
- Stomatium Fulleri.**—Dwarf pale green growths, peculiarly warted and toothed; flowers freely in Spring and early Summer. Per 2 capsules 1/-.
- Trichodiaderma** sp.—A handsome diminutive *Mesem.*; the apex of each growth bears a star-shaped bunch of tiny thorns; a mass of pale mauve flower when in bloom. Per 3 capsules 1/-.

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Aulax cneorifolia.—Yellow flowering, evergreen shrub; allied to the Proteas. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 3/-.

Calodendron capense.—Beautiful large flowers in terminal panicles; pinkish white with purple; very conspicuous. Per oz. $1\frac{1}{3}$; $\frac{1}{4}$ -lb. $3\frac{1}{6}$; lb. 12/6.

Calpurnia sylvatica.—A fine tall shrub with Laburnum-like flowers and foliage. Per pkt. 1/-.

Euryops spathaceus.—Yellow-flowered evergreen shrub. Per pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 3/-; oz. 10/6.

Heterolepis decipiens.—Evergreen dwarf shrub; large yellow flowers. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 5/-; oz. 16/-.

Lebeckia cytisoides.—Leguminous shrub resembling Cytisus; clusters of yellow pea-flowers are produced in great profusion in early Spring. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 9d; oz. 2/6.

Leucadendron argenteum.—The Silver Tree. Indigenous on the slopes of Table Mountain and well known for its beautiful silvery foliage. Pkt. 6d; oz. $1\frac{1}{3}$; $\frac{1}{4}$ -lb. 4/-.

Leucadendron plumosum.—Dark-grey-leaved evergreen shrub, up to 10 ft.; very decorative. Per pkt. 6d.

Mesembrianthemum aureum.—Dwarf-upright in habit; large brilliant orange flowers; very fine. Per 3 capsules 1/-.

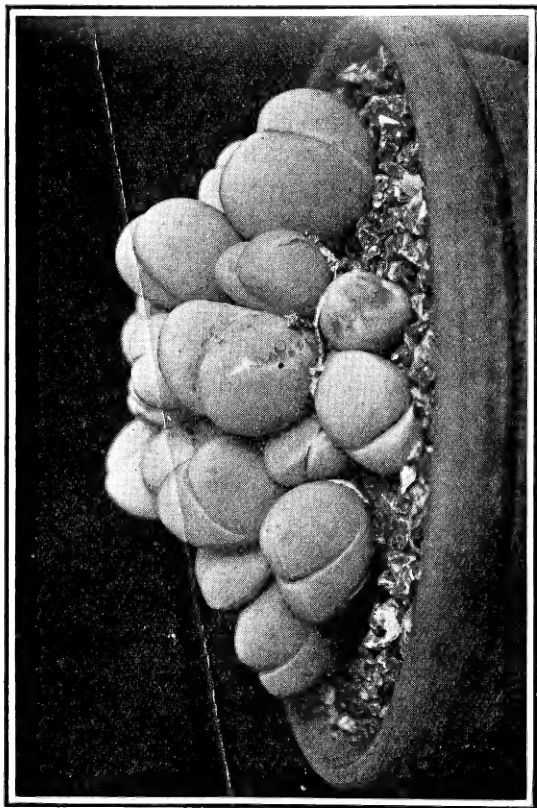
Noltia Africana.—A dense dark-leaved shrub or small tree; evergreen. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 2/-; oz. 6/-.

Ochna atropurpurea.—A fine evergreen shrub with yellow flowers followed by crimson and purple fruits. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. 3/-; oz. 10/6.

Podalyria calyptрата.—Very beautiful flowering shrub, rapid grower, mauvy pink pea-flowers in long sprays. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $1\frac{1}{6}$; oz. 5/-.

Podalyria calyptрата, White.—This seed has been saved from the white form of this beautiful shrub but can not be guaranteed to come true to colour. Pkt. 6d; $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. $2\frac{2}{3}$; oz. 7/6.

Podranea Brycei.—The Zimbabwe Creeper. A rampant climber, large rose-pink tubular flowers. Per pkt. 6d.



RIMARIA HEATHII.